By: Delisi (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 2158 1-1 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2005; May 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services; May 18, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2005, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to an exemption from annual registration fees for a 1-8 1-9 retired physician who provides volunteer medical services in a 1-10 1-11 disaster. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-12 SECTION 1. Section 156.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows: 1-13 (c) A retired physician whose only practice is voluntary medical care for a disaster relief organization is exempt from the 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 registration permit fee requirement.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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